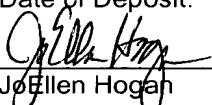




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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2002, for three (3) months from July 26, 2002 to October 26, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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